

# THE CHRONICLE.

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## A FAMILY RESEMBLANCE.

We remarked some time ago that the Clarksville Democrat was, or ought to be, the Sky Blue ghost like the Republicans at the North do the bloody shirt and its last issue impressed us still more firmly with the resemblance. As the disappointed Republican papers in their rank and file denounce all who are not as "rebels and copperheads," so the Democrat in its course upon the defeat of Savage and the commission scheme calls everything that aided in producing such a result "Sky Blue."

If this classification be right that insignificant body of two years ago has swelled to considerable proportions, and quipped its numbers. It secured the support of over forty papers that supported Blaine in the '82 campaign, among which is included the able and doughty ally, the Courier-Journal.

If the Democrat insists on "kicking out of the Democratic party" all the "scratches" and all the papers that trained with them, it must not neglect to apply its pail to the Courier-Journal and Brother Watterston. Brother W. was a pretty good kicker himself previous to the Chicago convention and would probably enjoy having the situation reversed.

## A SENSIBLE REPUBLICAN VIEW.

Under the head of "Unwarmed Utterances" the Chattanooga Commercial (Republican), has a remarkably sensible editorial. It was evidently intended to express the paper's disapproval of the incendiary harangue of ex-candidate Blaine, though it alludes only to the impetuous talk of the Northern Republican press. Such opinions as are expressed in this editorial should bring the Commercial into the Democratic party—the only truly National party the country has known for twenty-five years, and whose coming into power promises to put an end to sectional issues. The Commercial says:

Grover Cleveland is elected President of the United States, and although his election brings into power a party that has not held the reins of government for the past twenty-four years, yet conservative people—men of cool heads and big hearts—belonging to the defeated party are willing to wait patiently to see which party will be the majority of business men, no matter what may be their politics, believe that Mr. Cleveland will make a careful, conservative President. He is at odds on the one hand and unfair on the other to prejudice an administration and prejudice the people against it before anything has been done whatever to indicate its policy.

Like all patriotic citizens, we believe that the majority should rule in the country. When a President is elected, everybody is not supposed to agree with him in his political views. Although Cleveland is one or the other of the powerful political parties, he is not chosen to be President of a party but of the whole people. It is to be expected that he will have many party members in the distribution of patronage. This is only natural.

It is these wild assertions from newspapers—these extravagant expressions—are calculated to stir up bad blood and work great injury. It is twenty years since the close of the late civil war and the people of the North and South are just beginning to get acquainted.

It is only a very few years since a North and South railroad was started up, which has enabled the people of the two sections to intermingle more with each other. Every year since that time has increased. Northern people are seeking homes in the South. Right here, in Chattanooga, the people of the North and South are coming here to do business in making this a great city. They have received a cordial welcome, and because of their coming, many others will follow.

Many of the insane declarations of these sectional newspapers are made without a full knowledge of the facts. Rather than be encouraged, sectionalism should be put down. Republicanism and Democracy will grow and spread in different localities in proportion to the popular belief in the correctness of the principles of one party and the wrongness of the principles of the other. But sectionalism is based upon prejudice, and is fostered and kept alive by injudicious words and inflammatory expressions. This country cannot afford to encourage prejudice and hatred between the sections. We only have one country and one flag. Because there is to be a change in the politics of the administration, it is no reason for infamously saying things which are calculated to appeal to the brutal part of men's natures and incite them to deeds of violence.

Conservative men will deplore the unfortunate statements of some of the partisan sheets, both North and South. They also condemn the objects which these papers have in view. As strong as we are in the belief of Republican principles, laying aside politics altogether, there are times when conservative newspapers should condemn the use of intemperate language, and that time is now at hand.

Texas is going to be a lively contest over a seat in the Illinois senate, in which Gen. Logan will have a particular interest. In fact, it will attract the attention of the Nation, as its result will materially affect the complexion of the Federal Senate. The returns from one of the Senatorial districts, situated wholly within the city of Chicago, indicate the election of Brand, Democrat, but the Republicans claim that their candidate was elected. The County Board of Canvassers have decided that they have no right to go behind the returns, and leave the dispute to be settled by a contest in the Senate. If Brand retains his seat the State Legislature will be Democratic on joint ballot and will elect a Democratic successor to Logan.

The Federal Senate in this change of one may do away with the Republican majority in that body.

The cry about political murder and assassination in the South comes with more grace from the Commercial Gazette than from any of the bloody-shirt shriekers. How about the 24 killed and wounded at the battle of Cincinnati on the 14th day of October last, dear Mr. Halstead? Has anything in the land of alleged bull-dozers and kuklux equalled that?

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